

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

in re application of

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For:

VACUUM SAMPLE COLLECTING TUBE AND METHOD OF COLLECTING

SAMPLE UNDER VACUUM

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 23, 2004, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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